



PSIC Multiple Projects Updates

August 16, 2011

Presented to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)

Overall

- GITA moved under AZ Department of Administration (ADOA), beginning July 1, 2011. PSIC is now operating under the Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology (ASET) division of ADOA.
- Mid August, we will physically move within 100 N 15th Ave from Suite 440 to Suite 400.
- PSIC E-mail Addresses have changed:
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Governance (SCIP Initiatives #1 - 3)

- PSCC & SIEC Meetings – Now available via web-conference.
- FY2012 Office Plan – Document was revised after public comment period; final version will be posted on the PSIC website and sent to interested parties.
- NECP Goal Two Assessments
 - 11 of 13 Counties have been assessed.
 - 2 After Action Reports (AARs) are final; 2 AARs are in comment/review cycle with local communities.
 - Results of assessment are due to OEC on September 30th.
- RICP – Mohave has completed drafting their RICP; plan to present RICP with the TICP (which is still being updated) to the LECP in September for approval and to individual jurisdictions for approval/adoption in October to December timeframe; See July PSCC Presentation.
- CASM/TICP
 - CASM/TICP data collection continues as part of NECP Goal Preparation Process.
 - In July, granted additional TA which will speed up CASM Import by SPAWAR.
 - Draft TICP sections (generated from CASM data) provided for Goal Two preparation have been sent to the following counties to date:
 - La Paz
 - Santa Cruz
 - Mohave (in process of completing TICP)
 - Greenlee
 - Navajo
 - Graham

Note: Yuma and Pinal Counties have already generated complete TICPs.

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SOPs (SCIP Initiative #4)

- Interoperable Channels Plan & Related Changes to AIRS SOP –Reviewed by SIEC today.
- Technical Assistance - Phoenix UASI TICP Update & TIC-FOG Development
 - Meetings held; Draft documents delivered June 21st.
 - Draft documents under review by Maricopa County stakeholders.
 - Meetings to finalize documents are scheduled for September 27th & 28th.
- CASM Protocols Initiative – Initial recommendations and discussions underway; will include in October SIEC meeting agenda.
- Plain Language (SCIP Initiative #4.6) – Graham County has decided to move to Plain Language (see attached article).
- RCSC Project – Initial concept meeting held among regional systems in March; PSIC holds additional meetings with regional systems in April and May. Concepts have been outlined. Technical committee has been working on technical plans; Governance will be worked on next. Will present an update to SIEC at its October meeting.

Technology (SCIP Initiatives #5 - 9)

- AIRS Narrowbanding – Update presented today.
- Next Generation AIRS Plan Development – planning to begin work in the fall.
- Microwave Project – Updated provided to PSCC at its July meeting (see presentation for details).
- State Agency Operability in support of Interoperability – Update provided to PSCC at its July meeting (see presentation for details).
 - RICO Project - Equipment received and installation at six sites underway
- BIDP – Update provided to PSCC at its July meeting (see presentation for details).
- Broadband – Update provided to PSCC at its July meeting; Next update to SIEC at its October meeting.

Training & Exercise (SCIP Initiatives #10 & 11)

- COML Training Grant – 2010 IECGP
 - Survey requesting interest in trainings. Received responses from 110 people.
 - Planning classes for fall and winter with support of ADEM using the Training Coordination Procedure (update of the procedure was proposed today).
 - Our goal is to use AZ instructor trainees (to support an approved lead instructor in teaching these courses) so the trainees can become FEMA approved instructors.
- Arizona Regional All-Hazards COML Recognition Program – NIMS-CU Workgroup recommended revisions presented today for SIEC consideration.
- NIMS-CU Workgroup
 - Held annual meeting to revise Policies and Procedures; recommended revisions presented today for SIEC consideration
 - Will meet before October SIEC meeting to consider any AZ Regional All-Hazards COML recognition applications
- COMT Courses – being planned for October in Pima County (10 to 15 people); another course will be funded by SHSCP 2011 funding in Maricopa County
- COML Field Day – being planned for Winter to enable Taskbook advancement by interested candidates.
- AIRS Training Continues

Usage & Outreach (SCIP Initiative #12)

Numerous outreach meetings with stakeholders including:

June 30 – Fire Mutual Aid Meeting
June 30 – PCWIN Executive Management Committee Meeting
July 1 – 4 – Yavapai County NECP Goal Two Assessment (Fourth of July celebrations)
July 3 – 6 – Cochise County NECP Goal Two Assessment (Fourth of July activities)
July 19 – PSCC Meeting
July 19- 22 – Law Enforcement Pow Wow
July 20 – AESA Conference
July 21 – Region VI LTE Conference, Albuquerque, NM
July 22 – 25 – Graham County NECP Goal Two Assessment (Pioneer Days)
July 28 – 29 – Fire Chiefs Annual Meeting
August 2 – West RAC Meeting
August 4 – North RAC Meeting
August 4 – 5 – Vital Connection Exercise Planning Meetings
August 7 - 10 – APCO International 77th Annual Conference & Expo (Philadelphia, PA)
August 10 – South RAC Meeting
August 11 – Central RAC Meeting
August 12 – East RAC Meeting
August 12 – 15 – Mohave County NECP Goal Two Assessment (Bullhead City Regatta)

Upcoming Key Dates

August – One Additional NECP Goal Two Assessment (rescheduled event)
August 19 - 23 – PSIC Office Moves
September - One NECP Goal Two Assessment (rescheduled event)
September 5 – Labor Day Holiday
September 9 – AZDOHS Senior Advisory Council Meeting
September 12 - 16 – Operation AZ Vital Connection Communication Exercise (DEMA/ADEM)
September 13 - 14 – OEC BIDP Participant Kick-Off Workshops (Washington, DC)
September 20 - 22 – NNALEA National Training Conference (Las Vegas, NV)
September 27 - 28 – Phoenix UASI TICP-TIC-FOG Meetings
September 29 - 30 – NPSTC Meeting (Orlando, FL)
September 30 – SCIP Implementation Report (including results of Goal Two) Due to Federal DHS
October 10 – State Holiday – Columbus Day

Next PSCC Meeting - September 20th (1 to 3 PM)

Westside Multi Service Center Community Room
1310 W. Miracle Mile; Tucson, AZ 85705

Draft Planned Agenda:

- AZ Regional COML Recognition Program Policy Update – *Approval Item*
- Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Update
OEC Regional Coordinator for Region IX – Tom Lawless
- Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Update
- NECP Goal 2 Updates
- Regional Community Progress Update (*community tbd*)
- SIEC Updates
- Regional Governance & SOPs Project Update (CASM, TICP, SCMP, etc.)
- Multiple PSIC Project Updates

Next SIEC Meeting - October 18th (10 AM to 12 PM)

ADOA 3rd Floor Conference Room
100 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Draft Planned Agenda:

- CASM Protocols
- Broadband Update
- NECP Goal Two Reflections & Next Steps
- Regional Communication Systems Connections (RCSC) Update
- Phoenix UASI TICP Update & TIC-FOG Development
- NIMS-CU Workgroup Update on AZ Regional All-Hazards COML Applications
- PSIC Office Multiple Project Updates

News

Plain language will replace codes

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Most people who watch TV police shows know there is a number code for just about every action taken by emergency personnel. In Graham County and beyond, those codes will soon be replaced with plain language — everyday words instead of numbers.

The change to plain language is a requirement emergency agencies must meet to qualify for federal grants, Thatcher Police Chief Mark Stevens said. County agencies will be evaluated in their use of plain language during Pioneer Days, July 23 and 24.

Changing to plain language will help bring continuity to radio messages between officers and agencies. While all emergency agencies in Graham use the same number codes, there is a lack of continuity between other agencies in Arizona.

This has the potential to cause confusion, Thatcher Fire Chief Mike Payne said.

For example, agencies could be called to help at a major disaster in Sierra Vista. If the number codes in Sierra Vista differ from those used by Graham County agencies, precious time and energy would be used just trying to communicate with each other.

According to Stevens, changing from number codes to plain language can be difficult — especially for someone who has used those codes more than 30 years.

Examples of the old number codes and the new plain language phrases follow:

- Old: 10-4. New: Affirmative, understood, copy.
- Old: 10-9. New: Repeat.
- Old: 902H. New: Hospital.
- Old: 998. New: Officer involved shooting.
- Old: 1381. New: DUI, impaired driver.
- Old: 7. New: Meal break.